

# HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ITEMS

IN CHARGE OF  
LINDA RICHARDS

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ON August 22, 1900, Mr. Thomas W. Lawson's horse, "Boralma," won ten thousand dollars at the races at Readville, Massachusetts. Before the race Mr. Lawson said if "Boralma" was successful half the money should be given to the West End Nursery and Infants' Hospital, a hospital for babies under two years of age at 37 Blossom Street, Boston. The following correspondence, therefore, will be interesting to our readers:

"BOSTON, September 27, 1900.

"WEST END NURSERY AND INFANTS' HOSPITAL:

"Enclosed please find check for five thousand dollars, to be used in your wise judgment in some way which will bring the greatest amount of happiness to your charges. Upon the day I earned this money I was so ill I do not think it would have been possible for me to have performed the great task for which it was a reward, if I had not been buoyed up by the thought of how much it meant to your babies; but by keeping constantly before me on that day the fact that I was working for those who, like myself, are absolutely dependent for all their comfort and all their happiness upon others, I succeeded.

"Wishing you the full meeds of success in your noble task, I beg to remain

"Your four-footed friend,

"BORALMA."

"BOSTON, October 10, 1900.

"DEAR BORALMA:

"We, the babies at the West End Nursery and Infants' Hospital, send you our sincere thanks for your efforts in winning the race which brought us such a generous check. We send to you our colors, and hope that when you wear our pink ribbon you will think of the little babies on Blossom Street whom you have helped to health and strength.

"Very gratefully yours,

Their  
"THE X BABIES."  
Mark.

THERE has been a course of Domestic Science started in connection with the Young Woman's Christian Guild of Toronto, Canada. A class in invalid cooking forms part of the course. This will be of great benefit to the hospitals which have not this course in their curriculum. A class of twelve nurses from the Children's Hospital have attended.

THE Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses has been started in Toronto with Mrs. Broughall, of St. Stephen's Rectory, superior, and Canon Welch, of St. James Cathedral, chaplain. The meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. Thirteen nurses have joined.

THERE has been some change in the course of training at the Massachusetts General Hospital Training-School, Boston, Massachusetts. The present course is twenty-six months, and includes a three-months' obstetrical training at the Sloane Maternity, New York City, for twelve pupils each year. The instruction to the senior pupils in cooking and diets is this year given by Miss Alice A. Garmon, a graduate of the Columbia College Hospital Economics Course. Miss Garmon will also teach physiology, anatomy, and hygiene. A two-months' post-graduate course of either medical or surgical work is open to graduates of the school.

A MEETING of the Erie County Hospital Alumnae Association, Buffalo, New York, was held at the hospital on September 5. The president, Mrs. L. H. Pfuffer, read a letter from Miss Thornton, secretary of the Associated Alumnae of the United States, asking for suggestions of subjects for papers to be read at the annual meeting in Buffalo, September, 1901. The secretary, Miss Kinnon, read letters from absent members—Miss McCormick, in the Philippines, and Miss Gillette, who is in a yellow-fever hospital in Cuba. Five applications for membership were considered and the applicants elected to membership. Miss Cox, a pleasing elocutionist, gave a reading. The meeting was adjourned to meet the first Wednesday in December.

THE Willard Hospital, of Bedford, Massachusetts, for the treatment of dipsomania and macromania patients, held an informal opening September 28. The hospital has been in operation since last July, when the estate of one hundred acres was bought by the hospital corporation. A large three-story mansion was erected on the place some twenty years ago, but it was never occupied till the Willard Hospital was founded. No hopeless cases will be admitted, and no men who are not willing to do their part in breaking off the drink or opium habit. The hospital has no endowment, and a fee will be charged, about one-third of the sum asked by other institutions with a similar aim, and further funds depend upon the generosity of the public. Rev. Edward Everett Hale is president of the Board of Directors; Mr. Edward May, of Jamaica Plain, is treasurer; S. B. Elliot, M.D., is secretary and medical director. The inmates have tennis, golf, canoeing, and fishing. They can enjoy drives, walks, and, in winter, skating, and they always have a beautiful view

to look out upon. Application for admission may be made to the medical director, Bedford, Massachusetts.

MISS LUCY C. AYERS, graduate of the New Home Training-School for Nurses, has been appointed superintendent of nurses at the Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island. She will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Stowe. Miss Ayers has been in the West for the past five years, where she has done very satisfactory work as superintendent of both hospital and training-school. She resigns to go to Providence.

AT Wawatosa, Wisconsin, the County Board has voted to spend one hundred thousand dollars in putting the County Hospital in good condition. The old building will be remodelled and improved. There will be a new heating and ventilating plant, and the interior arrangements will be changed. An addition will be built as well as a separate administration building.

THE sick and wounded at Galveston are receiving the best of treatment, and the facilities are such that any one needing medical attention can have it on application. Besides the other hospitals and medical relief stations already in service, the Marine Hospital and Refuge Camp has been opened and will accommodate a large number of patients. Persons able to travel have been taken from the hospitals and sent in the revenue cutter and by other means of transportation to Houston and other relief stations on the mainland. The Sealey Hospital, which was reported as having been blown away, survived the storm with the exception of broken window-panes, a damaged ceiling, and the drenching of a number of the rooms with their contents; it is practically unharmed. There was no loss of life among the inmates.

THE trustees of the Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, have within the past few months made some very important changes. The responsibility of the entire cooking for the hospital has been given to the diet-teacher, Miss Perry, a graduate of the Pratt Institute. She makes out the bills-of-fare, orders all supplies from the store-room, supervises the cooks in their work, attends to the distribution of the food, and has charge of the diet-kitchen, where two pupil nurses are always in attendance, each serving two months. This change in regard to hospital cooking has proved most satisfactory. Thought for the comfort of the nurses has been shown by the sending out of the following notice: "The trustees of the hospital have made arrangements to assist young women who wish to enter the nursing profession and are unable to remain in

the school for three years without financial assistance. A loan, not exceeding fifty dollars yearly, will be allowed to pupils who have been in the school one year, and who have during that time proved themselves worthy of this consideration and able physically to continue the course of training. The idea is not to make the pupil a recipient of charity. The money is strictly a loan, to be returned within twelve months after leaving the hospital, and to be evidenced by a promissory note of the recipient, this note to bear interest at four per cent. per annum. Application must be made in writing to the principal of the school." Miss Rebecca Cross, a graduate of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, of the Class of '97, has recently been appointed assistant superintendent of the Training-School.

MISS JANE A. WRIGHT, superintendent of the Providence Lying-in Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island, is at her home in Rome, New York, on sick leave. She expects soon to be able to return to her work. Miss Martha M. Russell, assistant superintendent, has charge of the hospital during Miss Wright's absence.

THE Graduate Nurses' Association of the Henry W. Bishop Third Memorial Training-School for Nurses met September 5, 1900, in the Study Hall at the House of Mercy Hospital, Pittsfield, Massachusetts. After roll-call, reading of secretary's report of the last meeting, and like business, the question of adding a vice-president to the officers, which now consist of four members only, was brought before the meeting. It was voted that such officer be elected at the next annual meeting, thus changing By-law 4.

The next question was, "Shall a new by-law be added giving absent members the right to vote by proxy?" This was carried and the new by-law added. It was voted that Miss Clement, superintendent of the training-school, be made an honorary member of the association. Then followed an informal talk on the special course in hospital economics in Columbia University. This was of interest, as also that which followed the reading of a letter from Miss Mary E. Thornton, secretary of The Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States.

After this there was a discussion as to whether the president and vice-president should hold office for one year only or indefinitely, as has been the custom. No decision was reached. This was followed by a discussion regarding the weekly charge of private nurses—"Should it be uniform, and what discount was it wise to make under certain circumstances?" This question is to come up again at the next meeting. Some talk was made over the building of the Graduate Nurses' Home, for

which the members of the *alumnæ* are working. The association already has a lot, given them by Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Russell, facing that beautiful green "The Russell Elms," which has come to the hospital by the will of Mr. S. N. Russell. There is also a fund of more than three thousand dollars, which sum is steadily growing. The time of building is in the future. Meantime, many are working to add to the funds. The meeting was adjourned till December.

THE Marten Hospital, Taunton, Massachusetts, has recently completed a very fine operating-room, with etherizing, recovery, sterilizing, accident, and doctors' dressing-rooms in connection, everything being strictly up to date. Connected with the new building is a broad corridor which is to be used as a sun-parlor for patients. The room in the hospital formerly used for an operating-room has been made into a small ward, thus increasing the capacity of the hospital to twenty beds.

MISS MARGARET E. CLARK, a graduate of the McLean Hospital, Waverly, Massachusetts, has been appointed to the responsible position of clerk in the hospital from which she was graduated. She fills the position made vacant by the resignation of Miss F. C. Gilbert.

ON October 3 nineteen nurses were graduated from the Hartford Hospital Training-School, Hartford, Connecticut. The exercises, which were held in the Nurses' Home on Jefferson Street, were varied and interesting. There was music by the Breman and Hatch Orchestra. The opening prayer was offered by the Rev. Samuel Hart, followed by remarks by Dr. Gurdon W. Russell, president of the Board of Trustees; an address to the graduates, by Rev. Joseph P. Twitchell, essays by three nurses of the graduating class, presentation of diplomas, with a few words of kindly advice by Dr. H. G. Howe on behalf of the Executive Committee, and benediction by the Rev. Samuel Hart. Lunch was then served, and the large company dispersed.